

**State of Maine
Department of Education**

**Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16**

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2015**.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

Millinocket School Department

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Francis N. Boynton, Superintendent of Schools

Phone number:

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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Francis N. Boynton

Superintendent Name(printed)

Francis N. Boynton

Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

9/18/2015

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:



Financial Hardship



Other



Partial Program Waiver Request



Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

The Millinocket School Department requests a waiver for the 2015-2016 school year for Gifted and Talented due to financial hardship. Again this year, the Millinocket Town Council has required the school department not to increase the school budget. We are living in an area of the State that has lost its main employer, and the economic toll has been felt not only town-wide but region-wide. We continue to regret not having a Gifted and Talented program, but it is an area that can be identified as having the least impact to our students.

I respectfully request that you grant this request for a waiver. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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(207) 624-6638

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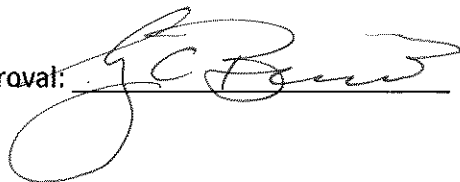
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Maine DOE Approval:



Date of Approval: _____

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